

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 2008

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

“I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America concerning the cooperation between the National Space Development Agency of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “NASDA”) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America on the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission Program (hereinafter referred to as “the Program”), which was effected by the Exchange of Notes dated May 30, 1997 and extended for a period of six years from May 30, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as “the Present Agreement”).

“In consideration of the continuing mutually beneficial relationship between the two Governments in the field of peaceful exploration and use of outer space; taking into account the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America on Cooperation in Research and Development in Science and Technology, signed at Toronto, on June 20, 1988, as extended and amended; and reaffirming that the provisions of the Agreement between the Government

His Excellency,

Ryozo Kato,

Ambassador of Japan.

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of Japan and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Cross-Waiver of Liability for Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Space for Peaceful Purposes, signed at Washington, on April 24, 1995, and the Exchange of Notes of the same date between the two Governments concerning subrogated claims shall apply to the Program, I have the further honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of Japan, in accordance with the understanding reached recently between the representatives of the two Governments, that the Present Agreement shall be extended for a period of ten years from May 30, 2008.

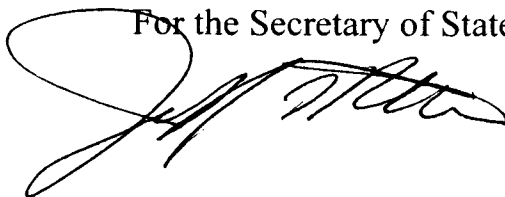
“I have the further honor to confirm that all the rights and obligations of NASDA under the Present Agreement were succeeded to by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

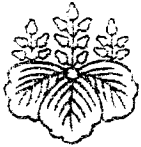
“I have the further honor to propose that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.”

I have the further honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the United States of America that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and to agree that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. M. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Japan

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Her Excellency
Condoleezza Rice
The Secretary of State